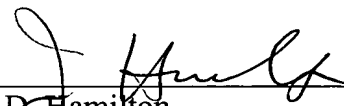


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Election of Species requirement, Applicant hereby elect Species II drawn to Figures 23-33, with traverse, and further notes that each of Claims 1-183 now pending are readable on the elected species. In this regard, it is noted that in the interpretation of the claims, those claims which discuss a blade edge can include a single blade which has an edge on one side or the other of the main axis, such edges intersecting at the main axis, as illustrated in Figures 23-33 of the elected embodiment or correspond to the crossed blades in Figures 1-22. In this regard, it is also noted that the limitation with regard to a substantially planer blade is generic to both a single planer blade or the two intersecting planer blades of the type illustrated in Figures 1-22. It is therefore believed that each of independent claims is generic to both species indicated by the Examiner. For this reason, withdraw of the election of species requirement is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

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